REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-16, and 18-24 are pending in the application. Support for the newly added claims 21-24 can be found throughout the Specification as the process of identifying fat-soluble vitamins and/or fat-soluble food factors in a body of a subject by analyzing fat-soluble vitamins and/or fat-soluble food factors in parotid saliva is disclosed in the application, *inter alia*, in the "Field of the Invention" section at page 1; page 4; and in particular, page 7 para [0005]. No new matter has been inserted into the application.

Applicants are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance mailed November 17, 2010, in which claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-16, and 18-20 have been indicated as being in allowable condition. Applicants assert that the newly added claims 21-24 are also in allowable condition since none of the cited prior art references discloses a method for assaying for the presence of fat-soluble vitamins and/or fat-soluble food factors in a body of a subject, comprising analyzing fat-soluble vitamins and/or fat-soluble food factors in parotid saliva collected from the subject, and positively detecting the fat-soluble vitamins and/or fat-soluble food factors. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the newly added claims 21-24 for prosecution on the merits.

Conclusion

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants request the Examiner to issue a notice of Allowance in due course. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to further the prosecution of the present invention.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge JHK Law's Deposit Account No. 502486 for any fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and 1.17 and to credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account No. 502486.

Respectfully submitted,

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